PTA Activities

It's Father's Night

Position of fathers in our society will be discussed by Harvey Mickelson, school district 61 mental hygiene supervisor, guest speaker at the Oak Bay Junior High PTA "fathers' night" Monday at 8 p.m. in the school.

First 12 fathers to arrive will receive a special gift. A film called "The Head of the House" will be shown.

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Non-members with students in the school are invited to attend the Marigold PTA meeting Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the auditorium.

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The Belmont high school PTA will hold a round table discussion on educational policy at 8 p.m. Monday in the school.

Everyone interested is invited to attend.

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Do It Yourself

A Table for Your Patio

By J. RALPH DALZELL

Now is the time to start building an outdoor table for the barbecue or patio area, so it will be ready for the first warm days. If basement stairway dimensions do not allow moving the table to the outdoors after building, disassemble it in part for easier moving.

The table shown in the picture is easy to assemble after a lumber yard has cut the following material to size. The top requires three 2x10-inch planks each 72 inches long; legs, four pieces of 2x4-inch stock each 30 inches long; braces, two pieces of 2x4-inch stock each 26 inches long; crossbars, two pieces of 2x4-inch stock each 50 inches long; seats, two 2x10-inch planks each 72 inches long.

Use three-inch flat-head wood screws to fasten the top and seat pieces. Use 2½-inch flat-head wood screws to fasten all other parts.

Bevel the ends of the braces and crossbars, as shown in the picture, with a plane. Drill pilot holes for the threaded and shank portions of the screws.

First drill holes slightly less in diameter than the shanks and as deep as the shanks are long. Then use a smaller drill, less in diameter than the threaded portion of the screws to drill to an added depth less than the length of threaded portion of the screws. Countersink the tops of the pilot holes so that screw heads will be below the surface of the wood.

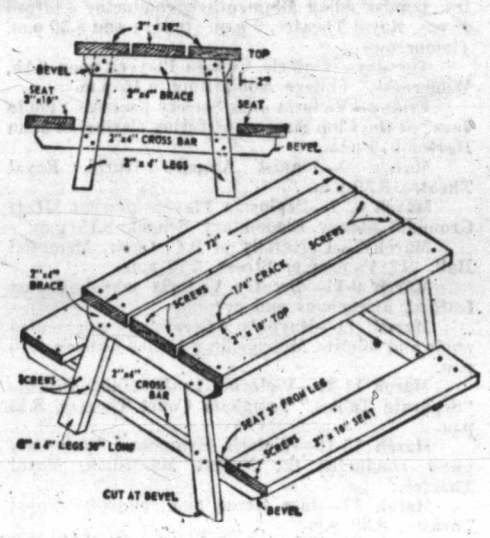
Assemble the ends of the table first. Lay the pieces for braces, crossbars and legs out on the floor, and assemble them in the position shown by the small sketch in the picture. Use a plane to cut tops and bottoms of the legs to a slight bevel. Lightly nail each end assembly, then drill pilot holes for the screws. See number and position of screws in picture.

Carefully drive the screws, and then remove the temporary nails. Stand the two ends up, with the help of another person, and place the seat planks in place. Nail lightly, then drill pilot holes for the screws. Drive the screws and remove temporary nails.

Place the top planks on the braces. Cracks between planks will dispose of rain water readily and prevent standing water during or after rainstorms. Arrange planks properly and lightly nail in place. Use a carpenter's level to make sure that the legs are plumb. Move the top planks as necessary to make the legs plumb. Then drill the pilot holes and drive the screws.

If the table must be partially disassembled for moving to the outside, finish the wood after the table has been set up outside. Screws can be removed and replaced with ease.

Before applying the finish, be sure to sandpaper all surfaces and edges of the wood thoroughly. Slightly round all edges and corners to avoid possible splinters. The finish can be composed of several coats of boiled oil, spar varnish or paint. The oil or varnish finish creates a more rustic and outdoor appearance. Cover with a canvas or plastic sheet during wet weather.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q.—The brick paving in our patio is stained and discolored. How can we clean it?

A.—First, wash with water to remove all dirt. Then apply a solution composed of one part muriatic acid to ten parts of water. Use rubber Allow solution to stand. Then rinse with clear water. If this does not brighten the brick the anly other remedy consists of using an electric grinder to expose new brick surface. The grinders can be rented at hardware or tool loan yards.

Q.—We have heard that even industrial plants are now using a wide variety of colors to create better working conditions. Is such a plan feasible?

A. — Yes. A successfully tried theory has proved that human beings can do their best work in surroundings that are harmonious. This also applies to homes. Brilliant colors are used for walls. All doors are painted a different color. Sometimes, the four walls of a room each have a different color.

Q.—How can we paint or preserve the wood in new arbors and trellises?

A.—First, apply any one of the several available wood preservatives. Use the non-staining types if you plan to add additional coats of paint to the portions above the ground. For finish coats, use regular exterior house paints.

Water Tunnel Step Nearer

Greater Victoria water board has taken another step toward a start on the seven-mile tunnel which will replace the pipeline from Sooke Lake to Goldstream.

The board approved spending $8,500 on clearing of a survey line along the route of the proposed tunnel.

Earlier it approved construction of an access road to the site of the Goldstream end of the tunnel, and most of this work has been done.

Obituaries

William Foxwell Rites Yesterday

Funeral services for William E. Foxwell, 606 Douglas, a resident of Victoria for 50 years, were held yesterday.

Mr. Foxwell, a native of Saint John, N.B., received his training as a pharmacist there and, when he moved to Victoria in 1908, opened his own drugstore in Victoria West.

In 1928, he joined the staff of the Dominion Life Insurance Co.

An active worker in church and community affairs, Mr. Foxwell was on the board of St. Mary's Anglican Church in Oak Bay until his death last Wednesday.

He was predeceased by his wife, Frances Kathleen Foxwell in June, 1956, and is survived by a sister, Mrs. Martha Smith of Los Angeles, and several nephews and nieces.

Henrietta Locke

Funeral services will be held in Sands' funeral home at 3.15 p.m. Monday for Mrs. Henrietta M. Locke, 71, a native daughter of Victoria, who died Thursday at her home, 307 Vancouver Street.

She will be buried in Ross Bay Cemetery.

She is survived by two brothers, Reay Meldram of Victoria and Edward Meldram of Vancouver and nieces and nephews.

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Daffodil Festival May Be the Last

The fifth and perhaps last "daffodil festival" honoring Washington State Ferries' first summer run to Vancouver Island will be held at Sidney at 1 p.m. Feb. 26.

About 300 persons, including provincial government officials, Greater Victoria civic leaders, officers of the U.S. firm, Canadian and U.S. Chamber of Commerce representatives and a drill team and band from Anacortes are expected to attend a reception at the Sidney Hotel.

Every person will be given a daffodil, and a bouquet will be presented to the first lady driving off the ferry in a car, said M. R. "Jim" Eaton, president of the Sidney and North Saanich Chamber of Commerce.

It may be the last time a daffodil festival is held at Sidney because of a Washington State Ferries announcement that continuous service will be provided after Feb. 26.

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